

LOVIN' FROM THE OVEN

Sunday, October 2, 12:30 pm

Lovin' from the Oven is open to all college students, and will take place immediately after the worship service on October 2.

ANYTHING APPLE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, October 2, 7:30 pm

Join us for our monthly fellowship after the 6:30 Ordination Service on October 2! Bring your favorite dish that includes apples!



MISSIONS BREAKFAST and WORK DAY

Saturday, October 8, at 8 am

Join us for breakfast, after which we work on cleaning up the grounds of the church. A breakfast sign-up sheet is on the hall bulletin board.

FACTS AND FIGURES, SEPTEMBER 2016

Tithes & Offerings	\$33,194.62
Designated Funds	3,957.91
Total Receipts	\$37,152.53
Average Attendance	– 185

COUNTING COMMITTEES

October 2	#1 Terry Edens
October 9	#2 Cathy Brown
October 16	#3 Sheila Gahimer
October 23	#4 Bridget Coffman
October 30	#1 Terry Edens

WOMEN ON MISSION and

SWEET DREAMS MINISTRY GROUP

Monday, October 10, at 9:30 and 10:30 am

Come join us for a Bible/Mission study and prayer time and sew pillowcases for the children at MUSC. Refreshments at noon!

Connie Maxwell Children's Home
"Christmas Store" items can be brought
during the month of October

HEARTS IN SERVICE

Tuesday, October 11, at 6 pm

Please join us for *Hearts in Service*, an intentional gathering of Christian women who want to go and do life as commanded, hold each other accountable, and lift up one another in prayer.

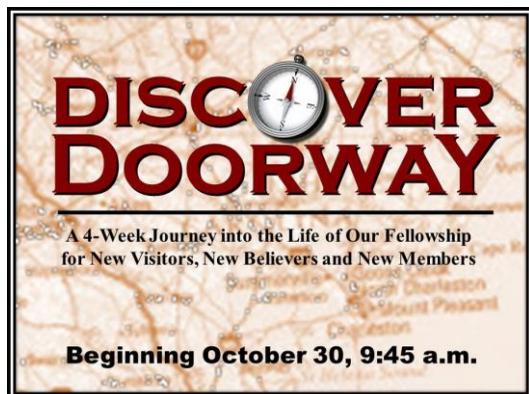
B.A.L.L. (Be Active Live Longer)

Tuesday, October 25 at Noon

Bring a covered dish to share and join our seniors for their monthly luncheon in the fellowship hall.

MISSIONS OFFERING

The Season of Prayer for State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education, and Great Commission Living is during September and October. **Our Goal: \$3,500 So far: \$1,596**



Welcome New Members!

April Miles, Eric & Rebekah Peele,
Dennis & Debbie Van Deventer



THE CONTACT

OCTOBER 2016

Saturday, October 29, 2-4 p.m.

Trunk or Treat



Need:

- ◆ Candy ◆ Snacks and Drinks
- ◆ Volunteers for Outreach
- ◆ Volunteers for Crowd Control
- ◆ Decorated Cars

See Katrina Shumpert for more information!

Pastor: Dr. Peter Beck

Associate Pastor: Rev. Bob Stephenson Youth Minister: Zack Sims

Our Vision

To share hope with the Charleston area as we celebrate life in Jesus Christ through meaningful worship, fellowship, encouragement, and nurturing relationships.

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From the Pastor's Pen . . .

We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

Ultimately, our commitment to the church is reflective of our commitment to Christ. If we love Jesus, we will love his church. Since the church is valuable to Him – after all, He shed His blood to redeem the church – it will be valuable to us. We will do whatever it takes to protect and promote it. And, we will dedicate our lives to the church, wherever we may be. That commitment can be clearly seen in the last article of our Church Covenant.

We will

To be the kind of church that God expects, every member needs to be the kind of Christian God expects. It takes a group effort, an effort that begins when we join and continues until we leave. (Joshua 24:16, 18, 21, and 24)

when we move from this place,

As much as we may love one another and this place, the time may come when God leads our members away. Thus, even as we join and covenant together, we do so with two conflicting interests in mind. On the one hand, we commit ourselves to the church we are joining. On the other hand, we realize that we may remain only so long as God leaves us

here and that **our commitment to the church of Jesus Christ must be greater than just this church.** Our loyalty must lie with Christ, wherever he may plant us. (Ephesians 2:21-22)

as soon as possible, unite with some other church

Because we are committed to Christ and His church, we will long to be in His church, praising His name, and extending His kingdom wherever that might be. When God leads our members away, it is our hope and desire that they will quickly find a new church home where they might recommit their lives to the health and wellbeing of another church. **We want them to take the love that they've given to our church and give it to another.** Because of their love for Christ, this recommitment should take place “as soon as possible.” Christ's love for them does not waver. Their love for Him should not either. (Romans 15:22-29; 3 John 4)

where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant

Every church wants, needs, and deserves the kind of members that God has given Doorway Baptist. **When our members leave and join other churches, we desire that they take the commitment made here and reapply in their new church home.** While that new church may not utilize a church covenant as a

vital tool for membership, there is no reason that our commitment should be any less. (Acts 11:22-24)

and the principles of God's word.

Covenanting is a biblical concept. Coming to church is a biblical concept. Praising God is a biblical concept. Sharing our faith is a biblical concept. Regardless of where our membership may be, our commitment to God, His Son, and His church must always be based on the teachings of the Bible. **The commitments expressed in this Church Covenant, because they come from God's eternal word, are binding wherever we may live.** (Matthew 5:18)

Just as our concern for our members extends beyond the duration of their time at Doorway Baptist, our concern for the spiritual wellbeing does as well. To that end, we want to do everything within our power to assist you in your Christian walk. If that means encouraging you to find another church, so be it. For in the end, we are not trying to build our church but the Kingdom of God. We do this by calling our members to a committed Christian walk from the day they join our church until the day they die. Thus, this Church Covenant is more than a commitment to Doorway Baptist Church. This is a commitment to Christian living.

By His grace and for His glory,
Your Pastor

Thoughts on Spiritual Gifts

The church of Corinth had reached a place where it was ineffective for the Kingdom of God. Much can be said about their disunity, spiritual arrogance, overt sin in the church, etc. Rather than focusing on the many troubles that plagued the Corinthian church, we should ask ourselves, “what are some lessons we can learn from Paul's letter to this messed up church?”

Lesson One: God expects all Christians to understand the importance of spiritual gifts. (1 Cor. 12:1)

Lesson Two: Not all Christians have the same spiritual gifts, but all Christians have one or more Spiritual gifts. (1 Cor. 12:4-6)

Lesson Three: Spiritual gifting is God manifesting his power and presence in and through Christians individually in order that they may corporately accomplish His Kingdom work for His glory and for their eternal blessings.

Lesson Four: Every true believer in the local church is important to the spiritual health and effective functioning of the local church by using their spiritual gifts. (1 Cor 12:12-26)

Lesson Five: Love by God's people, for God's people holds priority over all spiritual gifts. Without God's love motivating and changing us, we, the church, are powerless and will be non-effective witnesses of Christ to a non-believing world. (1 Cor 13:1-3)

It is our love for Christ and Christ manifesting the power of the Holy Spirit, in love through each of us that empowers, impassions, emboldens, and encourages Christ's church to “attempt great things for God and expect great things from God.” May this be the burning desire and prayers of all of us at Doorway Baptist Church.

Rev. Bob Stephenson
Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care